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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Christopher R. Lamb	2627	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Christopher R. Lamb. (3) _____

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Date of Interview: 12 October 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1-10.


Identification of prior art discussed: None.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

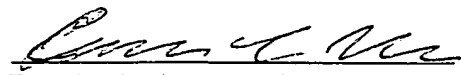
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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative requested the interview to discuss the 35 USC 112, first paragraph, rejection made by the Examiner in the previous Office Action. The rejection centered around the definition of the DAT[m] terms used in the specification and claims: these terms were defined in equations of the form $DAT1[1] \sim DAT1[m]$, which were not understandable. In the Interview, Applicant's representative explained the intended meaning of the terms, referring to portions of the specification and some of the figures. The Examiner indicated this explanation was consistent with these parts of the specification. The Examiner then pointed out the portions of the specification and the claims that would need to be amended in order to make the intended definition clear and overcome the rejection. No specific language was discussed in detail: Applicant's representative indicated that an amendment would be written and submitted for the Examiner to consider. The Examiner did point out part of the "background art" section of the specification which had, in the Examiner's opinion, a clearer definition of these terms than the one used in the claims.